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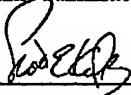
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This Amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed December 17, 2004. Applicants respectfully petition for any required extension of time, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1448, reference APK-001.02. Applicants claim entitlement to small entity status.

Please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.



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